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PRESIDENT: The chair would allow him to speak if you promise to turn the microphone off. The chair recognizes Senator Syas for 30 seconds.

SENATOR SYAS: It will be less than that. It has been nice working with you fellows. I've enjoyed it and I've made a lot of nice friends and I do appreciate Jackie remembering my birthday and making this cake. Well, you don't want to hear a lot of speeches from me because you are going to hear a lot of them anyhow and so I'd better sit down while I'm ahead. Thank you so very much.

PRESIDENT: It is also my pleasure on behalf of Senator Kelly to welcome to the Legislature 12 students from Central Catholic High School in Grand Island seated in the North balcony. Welcome to the Legislature. LB 44 on Final Reading.

CLERK: LB 44. Read. (Microphone off) Signed Senator DeCamp.

PRESIDENT: There is a unanimous consent request from Senator DeCamp to bracket LB 77. Do I see any objection? LB 77 is bracketed. LB 97 with the emergency clause attached.

CLERK: LB 97. Read. (Microphone off)

PRESIDENT: LB 14--

CLERK: Motion on the desk, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move that LB 145 be returned to Select File for specific amendment. That specific amendment is to strike the enacting clause. Signed Senator Kime.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Kime.

SENATOR KIME: Mr. Chairman, members of this body, I move that this bill be returned to engrossing for a specific amendment, to strike the enacting clause. This bill is probably one of the most unnecessary, probably the most outdated bill we have seen for many a month. It is an act to provide conservation, management, protection for nongame wildlife and endangered species. Nongame wildlife and endangered species has been protected for years and probably will be continued to be protected for as long as we have this organization. Nongame wildlife, such as songbirds, are also been protected and they will continue to be protected. There was a time when there were hardly any deer in the state of Nebraska. Now they swarm all over the place because farmers and ranchers, themselves, and landowners have protected these deer. Curlew, western curlew was practically extinct at the turn of the century. Landowners protected this bird and along with the game people. Now they are thick all over the sandhills country and throughout the range country. You can see curlews any place. Section 4 of this bill says that the Commission shall, and I emphasize shall, because it's in every part of this bill, conduct investigations of nongame wildlife. This is being done now. The state and the federal government has been and is now and probably will always conduct these investigations and they will keep right on. They are being paid for that. Line 23 to 27 on Page 9, it is unlawful to take, possess, export or sell any of these species. This is now on the books and it is being well done. I've talked to the game wardens in various places and the game warden in my own country. No one is allowed to take or capture or transport any of these protected species. Section 6 on Page 11